

We claim:

1. A method for making a metal sheet having a decorative pattern on a surface of the sheet comprising:

- (a) providing a metal sheet;
- (b) applying an orbital abrasive pattern that is considered a decorative pattern to a metal work roll; and
- (c) applying the work roll having the decorative pattern under pressure to the metal sheet to imprint the decorative pattern to the metal sheet.

2. A method for making a metal sheet having a decorative pattern on a surface of the sheet as recited in claim 1 wherein the orbital abrasive pattern applied to the work roll is a multi-directional grit-line pattern that is visually comparable to a sheet that has been processed with orbitally controlled abrasive equipment.

3. A method for making a metal sheet having a decorative pattern on a surface of the sheet as recited in claim 2 wherein the metal sheet provided is in the form of a coil of strip which is advanced to the work roll.

4. A method for making a metal sheet having a decorative pattern on a surface of the sheet as recited in claim 2 where applying the work roll under pressure is in an amount that does not cause the metal sheet to exceed three and one half percent reduction in the thickness of the metal sheet so as to limit a visual manifestation of rolling direction.

5. A method for making a metal sheet having a decorative pattern on a surface of the sheet as recited in claim 2 including applying the work roll to the metal sheet up to four times so as to create a decorative pattern density which is greater than when the metal sheet has the work roll applied to the metal sheet once.

6. A method for making a metal sheet having a decorative pattern on a surface of the sheet as recited in claim 2 wherein the orbital abrasive pattern applied to the work roll has an average surface depth that does not exceed sixty microinches.

7. A method for making a metal sheet having a decorative pattern on a surface of the sheet as recited in claim 2 wherein the resulting orbital abrasive pattern on the surface of the metal sheet does not exceed forty microinches in depth.

8. A method for making a metal sheet having a decorative pattern on a surface of the sheet as recited in claim 2 including a second work roll in alignment with the work roll to which the orbital abrasive pattern has been applied and together both work rolls exert pressure onto the metal sheet.

9. A method for making a metal sheet having a decorative pattern on a surface of the sheet as recited in claim 8 wherein the second work roll has the orbital abrasive pattern applied.